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### **Change the Clock and Replace the Smoke Alarm Batteries**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Sedgwick County Fire District #1 suggests changing the batteries in smoke alarms twice a year. There is no better time to change smoke alarm batteries than in the spring and fall to coincide with changing the time on clocks for daylight savings time. Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 27.

The Sedgwick County Fire District also suggests the following precautions when installing and maintaining smoke alarms:

- Install smoke alarms on each level of your home: in every bedroom, in corridors outside of bedrooms, and above stairwells
- Smoke alarms should be tested once a month to ensure they are working properly
- Vacuum the outside cover of the smoke alarm regularly to remove dust and particles
- Replace smoke alarms that are ten or more years old
- The best type of smoke alarm is an electrical unit with a battery back-up

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“We know that prevention is the best way to reduce injuries,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. “Replacing the batteries in your smoke alarm is an important part of being prepared for a fire emergency in your home.”

For more information on smoke alarms or fire safety contact Patti Peterson, Sedgwick County Fire District, at 744-0471.

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